



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

March 10, 2022

Hon. Kathleen C. Hochul  
Governor, State of New York  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write to call on you to provide emergency humanitarian assistance to the people of Ukraine, who are victims of the unjustified, inhumane, and barbaric war being waged by Russia.

The nation has seen pictures and videos of the destruction coming out of the Ukraine and we are all heartbroken. As a result of this war, over two million Ukrainians have been forced to leave their country and become involuntary refugees and over one million Ukrainians, who remain in the country, have been displaced from their homes. Unfortunately, this is likely only the beginning of an even larger refugee crisis.

Russian armed forces are indiscriminately bombing Ukrainian cities, destroying hospitals, medical facilities, schools, and critical infrastructure - undoubtedly seeking to reduce everything to rubble. Ukrainians are courageously and valiantly trying to defend their homes, their lives, and their loved ones from a massive Russian military. However, the Russians, by their own design, will continue to destroy all of the infrastructure of Ukraine and likely create the largest humanitarian crisis the world has seen since World War II.

As New Yorkers, we must stand up for freedom and stand against tyranny. Ukraine is a democracy with a population of over 43 million people, and they desperately need humanitarian assistance.

For these reasons, we urge you to direct all state agencies to pool any surplus emergency resources that may exist to be sent to Ukraine while maintaining our own resources to respond to any possible emergencies. We must do everything possible to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in their time of need.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Robert G. Ort in black ink.

**Robert G. Ort**  
Senate Minority Leader

Handwritten signature of Will Barclay in black ink.

**Will Barclay**  
Assembly Minority Leader